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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 13 to President Carter has been referred to me for reply. On behalf of President Carter please accept our condolences on [redacted] tragic death.

The Department of State and all government agencies involved are cognizant of and sympathetic to the plight of the families of the Jonestown victims and have attempted to administer the disposition of bodies in an orderly and efficient manner.

We understand that [redacted] body was released and that you made arrangements for his funeral. Please be assured that the United States Government proceeded to release the bodies of Jonestown victims as quickly as circumstances permitted.

For your information, death certificates are presently being prepared by the Government of Guyana. After the certificates are completed, they will be delivered to the United States Embassy at Georgetown. The Embassy will then prepare a Consular Report of Death for each person. The Consular Report of Death is the standard and legal document which is provided for by law, and once completed, it will be sent to you.

Again let me assure you that you have our deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

/S/

Lois M. Day
Director Designate
Office of Citizens Consular Services

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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S/S CONTROL NUMBER
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ACTION ASSIGNED TO: ARA

DATE 12 | 21

(Action Office Instructions on Reverse)

ACTION REQUESTED

___ STATE TO NSC MEMO
___ STATE TO

___ with Draft reply for signature by _____
___ with Comment or Recommendation

✓ DIRECT REPLY

___ REPLY FOR SIGNATURE BY _____

✓ provide info copy under cover of State-NSC transmittal form
___ provide comeback copy for _____

___ RECOMMENDATION FOR _____
___ with Memorandum for the President

___ APPROPRIATE HANDLING

Please original correspondence on all attachment to reply. Send to S/S-I Room 7241.

___ FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DUE IN S/S BY: 12/30
CLEAR WITH: _____

REMARKS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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FROM: KARIN WARPULA (NAME)

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TO: DOS DATE: DEC 21 78

REPLY: DIRECT REPLY. FURNISH INFORMATION COPY

IF MORE THAN 9 DAYS DELAY IS ENCOUNTERED PLEASE TELEPHONE MS. BYRNE 456-2113

BASIC CORRESPONDENCE AND CONTROL SHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) MUST BE

RETURNED TO: AGENCY LIAISON (ROOM 94) WHITE HOUSE.

REMARKS:

X LETTER MAILGRAM TELEGRAM DATED: DEC 13 78

TO: PRESIDENT CARTER

FROM: [redacted] E BL

SUBJECT: REQ. POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION FOR [redacted]

RESPONSE:

CLOSED OUT:

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:

PAMELA ZINN

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

MP DOS/GUYANA

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President Carter
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On the 30th Anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, I wish to protest your failure to show concern for the Guyana dead and their families, particularly the right of our dead to a timely burial.

While we are aware of the magnitude of the task of identifying the victims, we are at a loss to understand why those for whom a positive identification has been made (in the case of [redacted] eight days ago) a release

has not been forthcoming; particularly since the legalities of the situation had been settled

Mr. President, we have suffered a terrible shock, one we would not wish on anyone else. It is being prolonged by the failure of our government to do all they can in this matter

Respectfully Yours,

[redacted]

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